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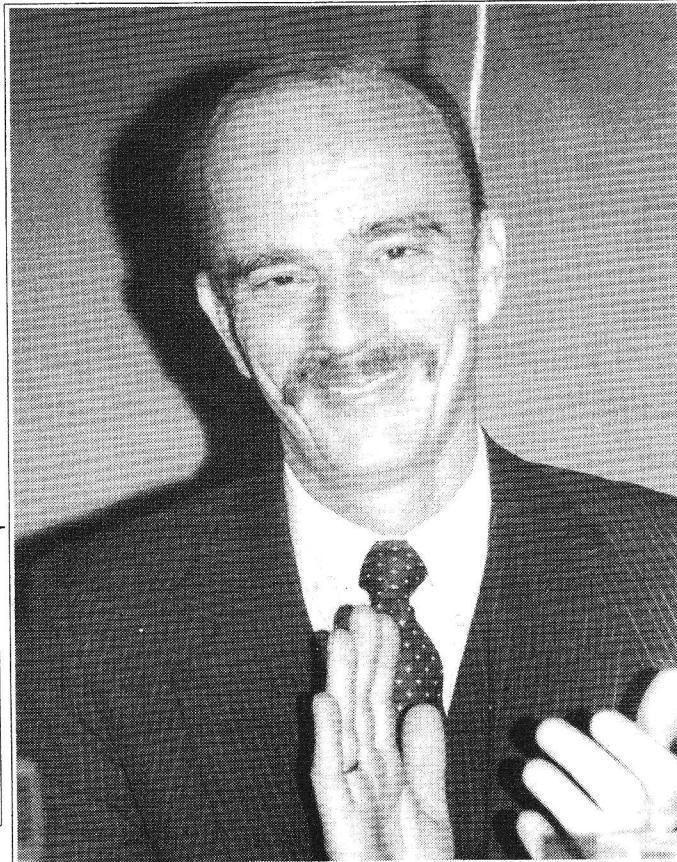
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FOUNDER of SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

"Jim Foster taught us how to become insiders, to gain a seat at the table. He taught us the value of being footsoldiers of the Democratic Party. Had it not been for Jim, Harvey Milk would not have achieved elected office and the next step of our movement would have faltered. Thank you, Jim."
Ron Braithwaite

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"On my birthday, June 6, 1972, I sat in bed in a loft in a log cabin on a lake in Manassas, Virginia, and watched this guy in a dreadful red plaid blazer making a speech. What he said rang my bells. So I sold my cabin and drove to San Francisco, where I knew no one and didn't even know him. But I caught up with him, and we never let each other go. I hear that same speech 18 years later and I thought it would cause me to fall apart. But instead it made me feel better. I left that funeral feeling better, more confident, stronger, and happier for the gay movement than I have been in a long time. Very few people have made such a difference in so many people's lives. Jim's feeling about people was that they are just perfect the way they are; he just loved people to be who they are. He didn't think that people are right or wrong, but just part of a big puzzle." Jo Daly

(Jim wrote what he wanted for his memorial service while he was in the hospital. On Friday November 2, at Grace Cathedral his wishes were carried out. The service was an Episcopal high mass, and included a playing of the recording of his speech at the Democratic Convention in 1972.)

"It was a magnificent speech; even though it was almost 20 years ago, he spoke the way we do now, which is both sad and wonderful. He had a vision 20 years ago that was important then, and is still important now. And we're still asking for our freedom. He was there in the beginning (of the gay rights movement), and still there as an inspiration throughout the world."
Pat Norman

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